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SUBJ : MANAGEMENT NEEDS FOR COAL SECTOR

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1. ON MARCH 14, NIGERIAN COAL CORPORATION(NCC) CHAIRMAN AGWA AKPALA PROVIDED BOARD APPROVED STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY AND DUTIES FOR PROSPECTIVE GENERAL MANAGER (GM). AKPALA COVER LETTER, JOB DESCRIPTION AND EMBOFF LETTERS AIR POUCHED TO AF/W, ROBERT KOTT ON MARCH 16.

2. ACCORDING TO JOB DESCRIPTION, GM MAKES FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DECISIONS BASED ON BROAD POLICY STATEMENTS OF NCC BOARD. IDEALLY, NCC SEEKING MATURE MINING ENGINEER WITH EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE, BUT GIVEN NCC NEEDS DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOT BE UNDULY RESTRICTED BY NCC WISH LIST SET OUT IN AKPALA LETTER.

3. NEXT MOVE FROM NCC CAN BE EXPECTED AFTER MARCH 30 BOARD MEETING. FURTHER DECISIONS ON RELATIVE DESIRABILITY OF PRIVATE SECTOR OR INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS
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(IESC) OPTION WILL BE TAKEN. AKPALA'S LETTER LEANS TOWARD IESC.

4. IN LATER MEETING WITH EMBOFF, MIN MINES PERM SEC FATOYE STATED THAT IESC COULD ONLY SERVE AS INTERIM SOLUTION. HE VIEWS RESCUE EFFORT AS LONG-TERM EFFORT REQUIRING PRESENCE OF GM OVER SEVERAL YEARS. HE THEREFORE FAVORS

PRIVATE SECTOR OPTION.

5. COMMENT: ON MAJOR ISSUE SUCH AS THIS, MIN MINES AND
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL HAVE FINAL SAY BASED ON
NCC BOARD RECOMMENDATION.
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